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In re Application of: Sean Allen Johnson *et al.*

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For: **SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING ACCESS TO MULTIPLE  
DISPARATE CONTENT REPOSITORIES**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**In the Title:**

Please replace the old title with the following new title: --SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING ACCESS TO MULTIPLE DISPARATE CONTENT REPOSITORIES WITH A SINGLE CONSISTENT INTERFACE--.

**In the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 6, line 15, please replace the word "prototcol" with --protocol-- and delete the word "protocol" after "(HTTP)."

On page 14, line 23, please replace the word "needeld" with --needed--.

On page 16, line 12, please replace the word "uninitialized" with --uninitialized--.

**In the Abstract:**

Please replace the Abstract paragraph with the following new paragraph:

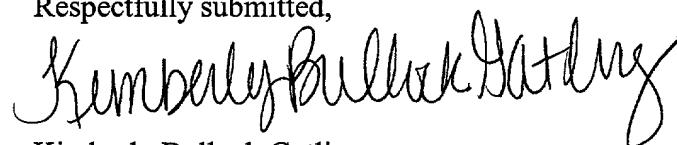
**Abstract**

A system for providing access to a plurality of disparate content repositories comprising a single consistent client application program interface (API) that is configured to generate a user request to access content and metadata properties in a plurality of content repositories having a plurality of proprietary program interfaces, a plurality of bridges that translate the user request into a format understandable by the proprietary program interfaces of the plurality of content repositories, and a view services component that processes and converts results content from the plurality of content repositories into a format understandable by said client API. The system further includes an access services component that relays the user request from said client API to said plurality of bridges, and an exchange services server that enables import and export of content and metadata properties in the plurality of content repositories in an XML format.

**Remarks**

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the application.

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SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING ACCESS TO MULTIPLE DISPARATE CONTENT

REPOSITORIES WITH A SINGLE CONSISTENT INTERFACE

### Abstract

A system for providing access to a plurality of disparate content repositories comprising a single consistent client application program interface (API) that is configured to generate a user request to access content and metadata properties in a plurality of content repositories having a plurality of proprietary program interfaces, a plurality of bridges that translate the user request into a format understandable by the proprietary program interfaces of the plurality of content repositories, and a view services component that processes and converts results content from the plurality of content repositories into a format understandable by said client API. The system further includes an access services component that relays the user request from said client API to said plurality of bridges, and an exchange services server that enables import and export of content and metadata properties in the plurality of content repositories in an XML format.